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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Date: October 7, 2002

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In re application of: Lin et al.

Serial No. 09/374,142

Filed: August 11, 1999

For: **METHOD OF DIAGNOSING OR TREATING IRRITABLE  
BOWEL SYNDROME AND OTHER DISORDERS  
CAUSED BY SMALL INTESTINAL BACTERIAL  
OVERGROWTH**

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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<u>October 7, 2002</u> DATE SIGNED	

Dear Sir/Madam:

This is in Response to the Office Action mailed June 6, 2002, for the above-captioned patent application. This response is submitted on or before October 7, 2002 (October 6, 2002, being a Sunday), together with a request for a one (1)-month extension of time, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the requisite fee, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1). In connection with the above-captioned application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following remarks.